

It is my understanding that the FCC is proposing to expand the use of Low Power FM stations and to allow them to take priority over current FM translator service.

I would like to express my objection to this change. I am a listener of a station that would be affected by this change. The station calls itself "Air 1" and broadcasts on 89.1, 89.5, and 89.7 in my area.

In this day and age, the idea of "diversity" is widely touted as the only socially acceptable way to address the expanding number of viewpoints in our society. Yet in the effort to provide for diversity, some points of view are being censored or silenced to provide for the expression of others, thereby hindering diversity rather than promoting it.

I work in the law enforcement field and see the negative effects of commercial media, including radio, on our society, everyday. Content on commercial radio is provided for the sole purpose of filling corporate coffers. The effect of that content on society, is of no concern to the corporations. There does not appear to be any limit to how crass or debased the content can be. Children can no longer escape the reaches of filthy media content. Nor can other people, such as myself, who would prefer not to be constantly exposed to content that once was considered to be prurient and inappropriate for public consumption, and still is considered so by many.

Air 1 Radio provides a service for members of the community such as myself. They provide positive content. They provide content that is aimed at serving the community rather than serving only corporations. Their content encourages community service by the public. I feel that is important to retain stations such as Air 1. The community as a whole can only be hurt by silencing stations like Air 1.

If diversity is important, then preserving this type of station is important. If preserving some sense of decency in society is important, then providing for this type of station is important. Air 1 is unique in the type of content that it provides. This type of content cannot be provided by the greedy corporations that currently pander to the basest parts of society and human nature. It will not be provided by anyone else. Air 1 can be silenced, but it cannot be replaced. There are no other alternative stations for hundreds of thousands of listeners such as myself.

I applaud the recent efforts of the FCC to uphold some standards of decency in the media. I know that this is no easy task. I also appreciate the efforts to provide the public with alternative media content with LPFM. I hope that the FCC will not "throw the baby out with the bath water" in their efforts to provide expanded LPFM service. Air 1 is kept on the air solely by support from their listeners. The fact that so many people are willing to pay to listen to this station, when there is free content provided by corporate America, should be a testament in itself of the great need for stations like this one. like this one.

Air 1 is a community resource that cannot be replaced.
I hope that the FCC can attain its goals while retaining

diversity, and without silencing stations like Air 1.